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Carbide Crystals in an Ambient Containing
Hydrogen

Group Art Unit 1765

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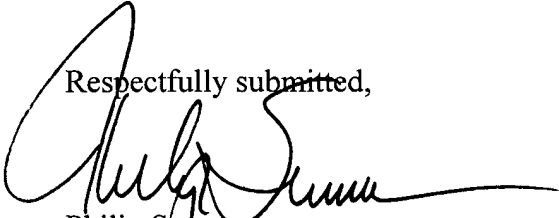
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